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ENZYME AND ASSAY SYSTEM USING THE SAME
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated September 25, 2008, concerning the above-referenced patent application. By virtue of the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time and payment of the prescribed fees, this response is timely filed on or before March 25, 2009.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this document.

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